



ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

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The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local government - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent over 96% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate the opportunity to testify on bills of interest to towns and cities.

SB 425 "An Act Concerning LED Light Pollution In The State"

SB 425 would among other things, authorize municipalities to develop their own ordinances concerning light pollution, specifically but not limited to, LED lights and lamps along municipal roads, sidewalks, common gathering areas, municipal buildings, parks, playing fields and greens.

CCM supports the general intent of the proposed bill as long as **municipalities have the option** to regulate light pollution and are not mandated to do so. Municipalities have different needs and they should not be mandated to regulate something that is not an issue within their communities. Municipalities should have the option to establish ordinances if residents/elected officials within these municipalities see light pollution as an issue.

CCM would ask the committee to establish this type of regulation as a **municipal option**.

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